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exchange, in which the functions of the access node are integrated, a traffic control function present in the originating or transit exchange is applied to the traffic control function of the useful information, belonging to the call connection, in the form of data packets and the signaling information to be transmitted via the signaling network.

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Please add the following new claim:

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--5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the digital destination exchange is coupled to a device functioning as an access node instead of the access node.--

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**In the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract in its entirety with the Abstract attached hereto.

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